

General Wilson's Birthday; Is Sixty-Nine Years Young

He Continues Actively At Work for Welfare of City.

Is Admired in All Parts of Country Where He is Known.

Tomorrow will be the birthday of a man who has written into the term "U. S. A." a new definition, and has made it signify fresh labors, unceasing industry, and great accomplishments.

Tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock Gen. John M. Wilson, Corps of Engineers, United States army, will complete his sixty-ninth year. In keeping with the character of the man, who has won a medal for conspicuous gallantry in action, and since his retirement has achieved many civic honors, he will observe the day without ostentation or special ceremony. The congratulations of his many friends from all parts of the country will be sufficient celebration of his entering upon his seventh decade.

But what makes the event especially worthy of mention is not what General Wilson has done in the past, but what he is doing now and what he will do in the future. No other man in the District of Columbia, perhaps, is so taken up with projects for the public good as is the general. Retired from his chosen profession by the mechanical workings of the law five years ago, he laid aside his military uniform and entered upon a civil, charitable, and public-spirited enterprise—enterprise which he has helped forward and to which he gives his attention daily.

Rather Wear Out Than Rust Out.

"When I left the army," he said to a Congressional committee last winter, "I decided that I had rather wear out than rust out."

To say that the general is not rusting out is describing mildly his many activities in behalf of the National Capital.

The story of John M. Wilson's life presents a great sameness in one way and a great surprise in another. The sameness consists in the uninterrupted manner in which he advanced and made friends, whether he was in the East or in the West, whether he toiled on the field of battle or labored in his office for the good of the army. The surprise is the number of things he has done, the number of undertakings that he has completed.

The general is a Washingtonian through and through. His father was born on F street, and he was born on G street near where Epiphany Church now stands. It was in Epiphany Church, by the way, that the beautiful and charming young lady, Miss Augusta B. Waller, became his bride.

Became Senate Page.

Contrary to custom, the general's first step in public life was to enter the Senate of the United States. He went there as a page on the first Monday in December, 1893, and stayed there four years. He was there in the time of such statesmen as Clay, Calhoun, Foote, Jefferson Davis, and Benton.

The young boy, who attended to his duties well in the day went to school at night, and was liked by the eminent statesmen. Mr. Seward was especially kind to him, and many an afternoon, when the day's session was over, Jack Wilson was given the privilege of reading Mr. Seward's horse.

One other thing he saw in those days he has never forgotten. That was the day when the irascible Foote drew his pistol on Benton on the floor of the Senate.

Given Appointment to West Point.

After four years as a page, young Wilson went to California, going out with one of the California Senators. From that State he worked his way up through Oregon and finally reached Columbia, Washington Territory. He had not been there long when he decided to enter the United States army. Without much difficulty, being known out West for his industry and sterling worth, and being remembered in Washington for his faithfulness to duty as a boy, he was appointed a cadet to West Point by the Washington Territory delegate in 1890.

It is curious to note that about this time occurred one of the paradoxes in the general's career. His first warrant as a cadet was issued to him by Jefferson Davis, then Secretary of War for the United States, and later President of the Confederacy, and his first commission as a cadet was signed by Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States during the war of the rebellion.

Twice Promoted for Services.

Twice during the war he was promoted for "gallant and meritorious services," once at the battle of Gaines' Mill, Va., and once at the battle of Malvern Hill, Va. It was for his bravery in action at Malvern Hill that he was given the medal for gallantry.

Of the young officer's rapid rise in the army, of his services on the battlefield, in army posts in various parts of the country, and of his services in this city as head of the Corps of Engineers, and in charge of the construction of many public buildings, much has been written. It is his achievements and many duties in the civil field, since his retirement, that public interest turns.

The following is the general's "civil history" in an abbreviated form, showing how he is esteemed by Presidents and the highest men of the country:

General's Civil History.

Degree of LL.D. conferred by Columbia University, 1890.

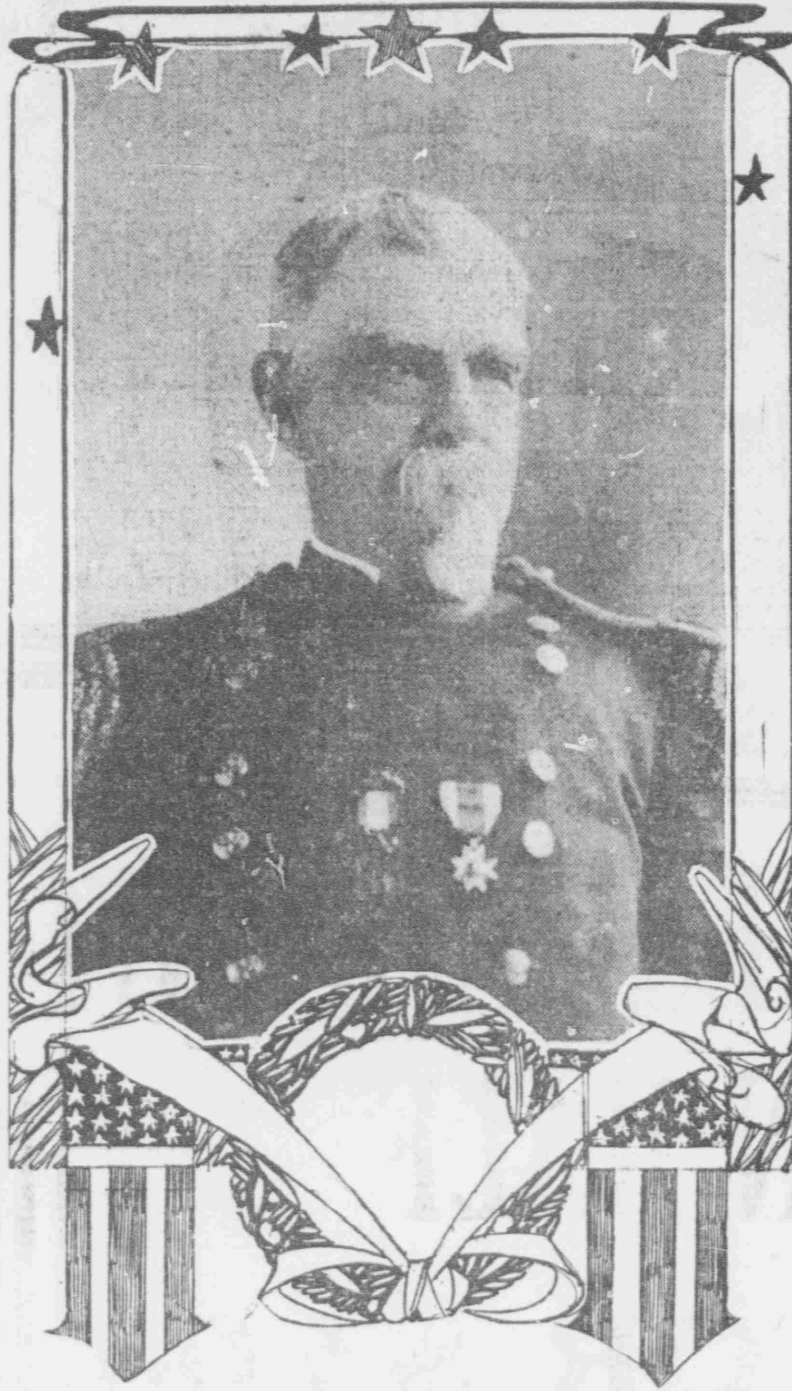
Member of American Society of Civil Engineers, 1895 to 1901.

Past president of the Society of Civil Engineers, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Member of the Federal commission in 1904 to investigate the disaster to the steamer General Slocum in New York harbor, in June, 1904.

Member and president of the board of visitors of West Point Military Academy, June, 1904.

President of the Federal commission



GEN. JOHN M. WILSON, Retired, Who Celebrates His Sixtieth Birthday Tomorrow.

In connection with the sale of the Choctaw-Chickasaw coal lands, 1904-5.

Chairman of the Presidential inauguration committee of citizens, 1904-5.

President of the Washington Board of Trade at present.

Commander Loyal Legion of the District of Columbia, 1899-1900.

President of the Columbia Hospital for Women.

President Training School for Nurses and member of the board of directors of the Reform School for Girls from 1900 to 1902.

On board of directors of the National Episcopal Foundation.

Member of the Washington Monument Association.

On the Corcoran Art Gallery board of directors.

On executive committee of the Citizens' Relief Association from 1902 to 1904.

On the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, October, 1902, until March, 1903.

Vice president for the District of Columbia of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association.

On the board of directors of the National Geographic Society.

Works Under Flag.

These are the things that the general has done and is doing. To them he gives his unwavering attention. His office or "den" on the second floor of his tastefully furnished house on Massachusetts avenue, is where he works. On his desk stands a small United States flag, so that he works always under the colors. His desk is kept scrupulously neat, with his papers in careful order. It reminds you of nothing so much as military precision and work.

Personally and physically the general is sixty-nine years young. He goes down a flight of stairs with the agility of a youth, frequently clearing the last six at a single bound. His hand clasp is strong and steady. In his eyes is the light of enthusiasm and his high spirit. No one can talk with him without being impressed by the fact that the general has achieved the unusual and has preserved his illusions.

With all his strength and capacity for work, he has a strong sense of humor and is a good story teller as well as a good listener.

Beloved Everywhere.

Of his friendships nothing need be said except that he has friends wherever he has been and admires wherever his duty has been discharged. Kindly and charitable, characterized by high breeding, courteous to all, courageous in all things, Gen. John M. Wilson

is, literally, beloved in every section of the country.

McKinley and John Hay were his friends. Cleveland and Roosevelt are names which are in his daily life as friends and companions. A Democrat all his life, he has gone through his career with the esteem of Republicans as well as of those of his own political persuasion.

A letter from General Sherman is one of the many tributes General Wilson has received. It was written in 1883, and is as follows:

General Sherman's Letter.

Headquarters Army of the United States, Washington, D. C., Oct. 31, 1883. 11:20 at night.

Col. John M. Wilson, U. S. Engineers, Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel: I fear I must leave the city without doing what I ought—that is, calling on you and your good wife in your home on Connecticut avenue, but am going to ask you to accept the will for the deed along with the assurance of the high respect in which I hold you personally and professionally. I believe, that no general officer has ever held the engineers in higher esteem than I have, especially when their usual knowledge is supplemented, as in your case, with the practical experience with men in the camp, in the field, and in barracks. It requires great knowledge to take rude blocks of marble and make of them a graceful arch, but still greater to take a mass of rude men and work them into a skilled army. And when the engineer can do both well, then he is a master. I believe you to be one of these, and that you appreciate my efforts to bring the corps into more perfect harmony with the whole army, and that you do not understand me as thereby selfishly attempting to enlarge my own authority. The fact that you have seen service in the artillery and with an army in the field makes you a better engineer and qualifies you for the command of men. One who sits down and exclaims "What's the use? has not learned the lesson taught by history, for honor and fame will come to him who is best prepared, the more certain by reason of the necessity being sudden and unexpected. Though with the motto, I will cease to be in authority, yet I will none the less be General Sherman, and, in that capacity, will give you my notice, men with brains and muscles and hearts, and I ask you to feel that I regard you as one of the greatest of the great. I will rejoice in your success, and will cheer you on to deserve and reach the highest round of the ladder of fame. Sincerely, your friend, W. T. SHERMAN.

FELL FROM A WINDOW.

George Carter colored, forty-one years old, of 138 First street southwest, fell from a second-story window. He was injured about the back, and was taken to the Emergency Hospital.

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Popkins Assault Case Scheduled for Tomorrow

Among Other Important Ones to Be Called in Criminal Court This Week is the Benning Rack Track Gambling Case.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the trial of John Popkins tomorrow in Criminal Court No. 1, for his deadly assault upon his fourteen-year-old niece, Mary Popkins, July 3, last. According to the story told at the time of the assault, the attack made by Popkins was most brutal, and it is a miracle that the girl is still living. After the attack upon his niece Popkins attempted to end his own life, but was unsuccessful.

On the date mentioned, Popkins, who is twenty-four years old, and who is also said to be desperately in love with his niece, entered her home at 1845 Eighth street northwest, and passing through the house, went into the back yard and called the girl. Receiving no answer, it is said he became enraged, and going back into the house and finding his niece in the front room, struck her a terrific blow with his fist.

Fractured Girl's Skull. He then caught the girl by her neck, it is said, and struck her again and again upon her head, fracturing her skull. It is said Popkins then took a razor from his pocket and slashed the girl across her throat, cutting the jugular vein. Seeing that she still lived, it is said Popkins stooped over her and drew the razor across one of her wrists several times. He then turned the razor upon his own throat, with intent to end his life.

The case was set for trial last Thursday, but on account of the business of the court was not reached.

It is expected that by the close of the week District Attorney Baker will have disposed of nearly all the jail cases.

Benning Race Track Case. The Benning race track gambling case, to test the validity of the District gaming law, has been tentatively set for Monday next. This will be followed by either the Ice trust cases or some of the eight-hour law cases being called for trial. The land fraud cases are also scheduled for trial.

There are five persons in the District Jail held on charges of murder, and it is expected that the District Attorney will, commencing on the last Monday in this month set one of these cases for trial each week until all have been disposed of.

The cotton task scandal cases will be revived in the local court next week, by the hearing on the motion of Special Counsel for the Government Morgan H. Beach, to have the bond of Frederick A. Peckham forfeited, and also by argument for and against the demurrer filed by counsel for Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., who is indicted jointly with Peckham for conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Peckham's bond is \$10,000 and his surety is William H. Trouland, of this city.

Supreme Court Call on the President

The dignified members of the Supreme Court of the United States will call upon the President of the United States tomorrow afternoon at 12:45. They make the call at the White House at the beginning of every term of their court to inform the President that they are sitting. Just how many years the custom has been in vogue no one about the White House or Supreme Court seems to know.

J. M. Wright, marshal of the Supreme Court, called upon the President yesterday and made arrangements for the formal call of the justices.

Woman Seeks Divorce for Various Reasons

Mrs. Nellie T. Busey in her petition for limited divorce from Noble M. Busey filed in the local courts, says they were married in the District in June, 1901, and that her husband from the first failed to support her, and in addition to this spent her private fortune. She also says he has been cruel to her, and besides assaulting her, threatened to kill her.

She asks the court to restrain him from interfering with her in any way; to compel him to support her and her children; to award her the custody of her children and finally to prevent him from leaving the District to avoid the consequences of her suit. Attorney Leonard J. Mather is named as counsel for the complainant.

SULTAN NEARS END OF LIFE'S JOURNEY

Stricken Monarch Has to Be Propped Up While Riding in Carriage

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 6.—The dispatches have already borne the news that the Sultan has only a few months to live, and his condition is shown by various unmistakable signs. Abdul Hamid is so weak that he has to be supported upright in his carriage on his favorite son and one of his ministers. After receiving the British and French ambassadors recently, the Sultan had a long and alarming fainting fit. The disease has been diagnosed as cancer.

The Sultan's entourage and servants know how near death he is. One significant symptom is the inactivity of the imperial corps or spies, the first body of spies at eastern court. These men have now relaxed their vigilance, because they expect that the men they are employed to watch will soon be in power.

Prof. Bergmann and Dr. Bier are now in constant attendance at Yildiz Kiosk. After Dr. Bier had relieved the Sultan from the great pain he was suffering recently, his majesty offered the German doctor a princely reward if he would remain in the palace as his permanent attendant. The doctor, however, was unwilling to give up his Berlin appointment.

Court officials say that the reason of Dr. Bier's refusal of this tempting offer was that he knew very well he would soon be medical attendant to Abdul Hamid's successor.

American Woman Gives Paris Messenger Service

PARIS, Oct. 6.—At last a long-felt want is to be supplied to Paris. The city is to have a district messenger service. A great source of annoyance to Americans here has been the lack of a messenger service.

Anyone wishing to send a note by hand to any part of the city has been obliged to have recourse to the services of a café employee called the "chasseur," or to depend upon the more or less reliable services of the corner bootblack. Messenger boys exist, but they are attached to the postal department and deliver only such messages as are mailed in the ordinary way, with extra stamps, in the special delivery box.

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SPURGEON NOT A MEMBER.

The Rev. Thomas Spurgeon maintains the same attitude toward the British Baptist Union as his father. He is not a member of it, and has recently declared his purpose to remain outside of it as long as the present state of matters continues.

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Men's High-grade Rain Coats, worn in rain or shine; worth \$11.60. Choice until 10 o'clock next Saturday night.	\$5.50	Ladies' Finest Priestley Cravenettes; exclusive styles and perfect fitting; highly tailored; worth up to \$28.75. Choice until 10 o'clock next Saturday night.	11.25
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